



COCKBURN
MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST
TRANSFORMATION TO EXCELLENCE



Schools Information Booklet

Cockburn School:

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Being a Cockburn School teacher means belonging to a high performing, supportive and value driven team. Our teachers are supported to become experts in their field and to be reflective and skilful practitioners. Working at means accessing world class CPD, collaborating and crafting a curriculum with subject experts and being supported by strong pastoral systems to translate this into strong and effective teaching. We are a school where practitioners are passionate and proud of what they do and empowered to make a real difference to the lives of the young people they teach.

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The original Cockburn School was opened on 17th July 1902 on land near the corner of Dewsbury Road and Burton Road in Beeston, Leeds, now the site of Hunslet Moor Primary School. Cockburn School was named after Sir George Cockburn, a former Chairman of the Leeds School Board.

In the 1980s, the school moved to the former Parkside County Secondary School site on Gipsy Lane. The school underwent a full refurbishment in 2010 under the government 'Building Schools for the Future' scheme and now has state-of-the-art modern facilities.

Cockburn School announced plans to become an academy in October 2015 and the conversion was completed in February 2016, under the Academies Act 2010. Thus, Cockburn School became the founding member of the Cockburn Multi-academy Trust.

Cockburn School is designated by the National College for Teaching and Leadership as a National Support School using their success and professionalism to provide additional leadership capability in other schools.

Cockburn School's provision in the arts has been awarded Artsmark Platinum status in recognition of the school's commitment to, and excellence in, arts education. Artsmark is Arts Council England's award recognising excellence in cultural education. It celebrates schools' commitment to embracing arts across the curriculum and bringing creative learning to life for children and young people.

Cockburn School was judged to be Outstanding in all areas in their Ofsted inspection in February 2022. During the inspection, inspectors judged the quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, and leadership and management all to be outstanding, leading to an overall effectiveness judgement of outstanding. This latest recognition again puts the school in a position amongst the UK's elite of 'outstanding' education providers.

Cockburn John Charles Academy

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Being a Cockburn John Charles Academy teacher means belonging to a high performing, supportive and value driven team. Our teachers are supported to become experts in their field and to be reflective and skilful practitioners. Working at means accessing world class CPD, collaborating and crafting a curriculum with subject experts and being supported by strong pastoral systems to translate this into strong and effective teaching. We are a school where practitioners are passionate and proud of what they do and empowered to make a real difference to the lives of the young people they teach.

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Cockburn John Charles Academy (formerly The South Leeds Academy) is located in Belle Isle, Leeds. It was originally known as Belle Isle Middle School, before becoming a secondary school. It was then renamed Merlyn Rees Community High School. The school was formally merged with Matthew Murray High School in 2006 and was renamed South Leeds High School. The school then relocated to a new site near John Charles Centre for Sport in state-of-the-art modern facilities.

In 2009 the school converted to academy status and was renamed The South Leeds Academy. The academy was rated as Inadequate by Ofsted before joining Cockburn Multi-academy Trust and being re-named Cockburn John Charles Academy.

In the first four years, results improved dramatically as did the number of students on roll as the academy earned a strong reputation in the local community.

Cockburn John Charles Academy was inspected by Ofsted in April 2022. During the inspection, inspectors judged the quality of education along with behaviour and attitudes as Good. Both personal development, and leadership and management were judged to be Outstanding, leading to an overall effectiveness judgement of Good.

As well as academic success, the academy has built up strong partnerships with a range of businesses including IBM as a founding school in the UK for the P-TECH programme. Students from the academy excel in the arts and sport and have represented the academy at regional and national levels.

Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy

Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy is part of a wider family of schools belonging to Cockburn MAT. Our secondary schools consistently achieve excellent academic results and are either graded 'Outstanding' or 'Good with outstanding features' by Ofsted.

Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy is an exceptional new school serving an incredible cohort of students living in South Leeds. From its inception, the Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy's vision is to pursue a relentless journey of "Transformation to Excellence", aligned across all our academies, creating a group of exceptional schools that radically improve students' life chances.

Being a Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy teacher means belonging to a high performing, supportive and value driven team. Our teachers are supported to become experts in their field and to be reflective and skilful practitioners. Working at means accessing world class CPD, collaborating and crafting a curriculum with subject experts and being supported by strong pastoral systems to translate this into strong and effective teaching. We are a school where practitioners are passionate and proud of what they do and empowered to make a real difference to the lives of the young people they teach.

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Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy is located in Middleton, Leeds. The newest member of the Cockburn Multi-academy Trust opened in September 2021 as a 'free school'. Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy, named after former Cockburn School student awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery in WW1.

Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy is the trust's third secondary school in south Leeds and they continue to bring the tried and tested track record of systems and experienced staff, focusing on teaching and learning as the single most important thing that they do. They design challenging and innovative learning experiences for students so they are highly engaged. Their enriching schemes of learning will inspire students with a passion for lifelong learning.

Our school is now in its second year and currently has 420 students on roll and is heavily oversubscribed for the following year. We move into a brand-new school building September 2023. The new multi-million-pound building will feature state-of-the-art teaching and sports facilities. As well as their modern classrooms, there will be specialist subject specific rooms across a range of subjects including drama and dance studios, science labs, ICT suites, Design and Technology workshops and a large hall/theatre.

Building an academy from scratch is a rare opportunity and Cockburn Multi-academy trust has already brought its tried and tested track record of excellence to Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy. The new Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy building will be at the heart of the community for both current and future generations and a superb environment in which to learn as well as providing the community with facilities outside of the school day. Our students and staff are excited to see their new building near its completion and they cannot wait to move in from September. From then, we will have three full year groups accessing high quality education in a fabulous new building. Excellent teaching and excellent facilities are crucial to ensuring excellent outcomes for every child.



Your wellbeing matters. We have signed up to the Education Staff Wellbeing Charter to:



Prioritise staff mental health



Give staff the support they need to take responsibility for their own and others' wellbeing



Give managers access to the tools and resources they need to support the wellbeing of those they line manage



Establish a clear communications policy



Give staff a voice in decision-making



Drive down unnecessary workload



Champion and enable flexible working



Create a good behaviour culture



Support staff to progress in their careers



Include a sub-strategy for protecting leader wellbeing and mental health



Hold ourselves accountable, including by measuring staff wellbeing

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